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SATURNALIA OF DRUG ADDICTS.

DRUG ADDICTS will rule the United States in the course of the next few months, according to forecast of federal authorities who have been watching the growth of the narcotic habit ever since the wave of prohibition began to flood the country with its sniveling, hypocritical moral deadening influence. This is precisely what the wet advocates predicted would be the natural outcome of the unreasoning campaign against the use of alcoholic stimulants. For a century the world gazed reproachfully upon China as the pagan power that permitted its population to sink into the grave through the universal use of opium. While we have been doing missionary work to combat the growth of narcotics in the Orient we have kept our eyes closed to the steady and rapid encroachments of the habit in this country until now we are confronted by the fact that the United States is one of the most debased nations on the face of the globe due to the increasing use of various narcotics against which there is no restraint. While waging war on the use of wines, liquors and beer in moderation the dread alternative has been smothered until the monster has taken possession of our homes in its most atrocious form. With nationwide prohibition the outlook is appalling. The development of this demoniacal appetite is traceable directly to the specters of dry days who bring a national calamity to the American home. The laws against the use of narcotics have been conspicuous by their infraction and the authorities who seem to vie with one another in enforcing liquor prohibition stand paralyzed when asked to curb the evil which is destined to undermine the health and manhood of the nation. There is only one recourse and that is to substitute for the present sweeping prohibition measures statutes restoring the use of beverages which have never been found harmful when used in moderation. The value of alcoholic stimulants finds expression in a proposed amendment to the dry amendment by which the use of liquors during epidemics would find sanction of the authorities. This amendment to the amendment is bound to come or the world will stand aghast at the havoc wrought by disease in the country. The attitude of the reformers is plain class legislation since it allows the rich man to stock his wine cellar while the poor man has to do without the stimulant to which he has been accustomed. A little more of this sort of legislation will breed a race of Bolsheviks who thrive on discrimination between rich and poor. Unless something is done promptly to redress the grievances of the masses the country will be brought face to face with a revolution that will demand reaction from the impending injustice.

CORPORATION CONTROL.

WHILE THE VACATED labor legislation of the past four years has been laughed to scorn by the Bell Telephone company which controls the telephone and telegraph systems of the country. For almost three weeks a strike affecting the convenience of every individual on the Pacific coast has been conducted in a most orderly fashion without the slightest complaint from officers of the law about infractions or illegal methods. The striking element has demanded a living wage. They also insisted on the right of collective bargaining. Both have been rejected by the company controlling the wires. The stubborn opposition to a settlement or some sort of an adjustment has entailed endless loss to commercial and private interests yet no authority has been powerful enough to command the companies to resume their business and furnish the service for which they have been created. The strikers are chiefly girls of the better class and of superior education who have not been betrayed into violent demonstrations although backed by the moral support of every community. The scale of wages is despicably small and the companies would have had to surrender long before this were it not for the backing afforded by the quasi government control which the postmaster general asserted after his own order returning the lines to private ownership. The several states affected by the suspension of business have the remedy in their own hands by issuing an order directing their public service corporations to demand the service for which the telephone companies were chartered. There is a precedent for this action in several cases where railroad companies were compelled to furnish train service despite the fact that their operations were handicapped by strikes. Such an order can be made to stick. All it requires is to have some official with sufficient backbone to make it mandatory. According to reports of the United States Labor Bureau the cost of living in the United States is approximately \$105 a month for a breadwinner and his family. In face of this conclusion the government is upholding a corporation which thinks salaries from \$30 to \$50 a month should furnish a girl a decent living. It is true that many of the telephone girls have no family responsibilities but, admitting that, it is difficult to see where an independent self-respecting American girl can feed herself and dress at the starvation wage offered. On the other hand a majority of the young women comprising the most skilled operators have widowed mothers and little brothers and sisters dependent upon their exertions for a livelihood and education befitting American citizens.

WHAT WILSON WILL FACE.

WILSON IS ON HIS WAY across the seas. He is returning home to get acquainted with the sentiment of the people whom he so grossly misrepresented at the congress of nations. He went into the peace conference on his own platform of fourteen points which he has repudiated by such concessions that the concrete facts embodied in the treaty signed Saturday bear but faint

resemblance to what the president of the United States asserted should form the basis of the settlement. The German delegates have made good use of the fourteen points by boldly declaring their willingness to abide by the original terms. The fourteen points have been used by the Germans as the strongest reason for refusing to sign the treaty which was forced on them. No one will attempt to say that the terms were any too drastic for nothing could be a suitable punishment for the perfidy of the enemy which failed to make a conquest of the world, but it is humiliating to the American people that the president should have proved such a poor diplomat as to allow his own utterances to be such as could be turned into gain by the enemy.

AMUSEMENTS

WONDERFUL ATTRACTION
AT THE BUTLER TODAY

One of the greatest feature pictures ever flashed upon a screen will be shown at the Butler tonight. It is a screen version of Clives Kincaid's Harvard prize play, "Common Clay," in seven gripping reels, with the charming dramatic star, Fannie Ward in the leading role.

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GIRL SECRETARY FROM YAVAPAI

(By Associated Press)
PHOENIX, Ariz., June 29.—In a manner satisfactory to all a woman held the job of secretary of state for Arizona when acting Governor Simms left the state simultaneously with Governor Campbell, who went to New York to aid in the welcome of the 40th field artillery.

The woman was Miss Harriet Jean Oliver. She is a California girl by birth but claims Yavapai county as her home. She is on the state payroll as secretary to the secretary of state. Whenever the governor and acting governor leave the state at the same time Miss Oliver is the next in line and three times before she has discharged the duties of that office satisfactorily.

While in the office of secretary of state she not only carries on the office routine but also is called upon to sign all regulation papers and proclamations.

Miss Oliver first held a state office as journal clerk to the national constitutional convention in 1912 and has held similar positions with state legislatures until five years ago when she was appointed to the office of the secretary of state, where she has been since.

GRASS PAPER PULP

(Correspondence Associated Press)
MEXICO CITY, June 2.—Experiments conducted by the department of agriculture have led to the announcement that vacuum, a grass which grows abundantly in various parts of the republic, may be used in the manufacture of paper. It is proposed to use the grass as a substitute for wood pulp.

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